

Remarks

Reconsideration of the pending patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendment herein. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough examination and indication that claims 4, 8, 12, 16 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Objection.

Applicant has amended the Abstract in response to the Examiner's objection. Approval is requested.

Claim Rejections.

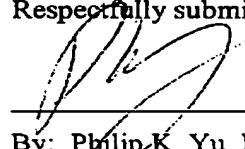
Pursuant to the Examiner's comments, Applicant has rewritten claims 4, 8, 12, 16 and 18 in independent form and including all of the limitations of the base claims and the intervening claims. Allowance of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter relating the present application.

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